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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status Of Claims

Claims 1 - 18 are pending in the application. Claims 6 – 9 and 15 - 18 have been allowed. Claims 5 and 14 have been rejected. Claims 5 and 14 have been amended.

Claims 1 – 4 and 10 – 13 have been withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this withdrawal without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to reinstate them and/or to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Double Patenting Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5 and 14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 2 and 7 – 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,902,113.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 5 – 9 and 14 – 18 would be allowable upon a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her indication of allowance and hereby provide a terminal disclaimer with respect to US 6,902,113.

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Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 5 because of alleged informalities.

Claim 5 has been amended in order to cure these informalities.

A similar type of informality in claim 14 has also been amended.

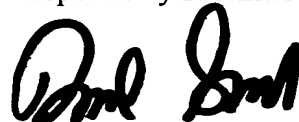
Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Favorable action on this amendment is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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